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Darlington to Argyle
WIS 81, Wildcat Road to S. Jct. WIS 78
Lafayette County

Greetings:

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is seeking public input on proposed improvements to WIS 81 between Wildcat Road and WIS 78 in Lafayette County. An improvement project is currently scheduled for 2022.

We invite you to view the project presentation at <https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/sw/wis81-lafayettecounty/default.aspx>. The presentation provides details on the purpose and need for the project, and the preliminary design proposal.

The following needs have been identified on this section of WIS 81:

- The pavement is deteriorating and has extensive cracking and rutting.
- The existing shoulder pavement is unraveling with large chunks of pavement removed in various areas.
- Severe erosion in shoulders near the end of curb and gutter with no flumes.

The proposed improvements include the following:

- Remove 4-inches of the existing surface and pave 4-inches of new asphaltic material.
- Install centerline rumble strips.
- Construct asphaltic flumes near the ends of existing curb and gutter to direct the water to the nearby ditch rather than the existing gravel shoulder.

WIS 81 is anticipated to be closed to through traffic (local traffic only) during construction since the road is too narrow for flagging operations. The detour will utilize the following routes:

- Westbound WIS 81: WIS 78 to WIS 11 to WIS 23
- Eastbound WIS 81: WIS 23 to WIS 11 to WIS 78

We look forward to working with you on this important transportation investment. If you have any questions or comments feel free contact me by phone at (608) 245-2674; email mahesh.shrestha@dot.wi.gov; or by mail at 2101 Wright Street, Madison, WI 53704 by **July 6, 2020**.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: Detour route overview